

AMENDMENT AND PRESENTATION OF CLAIMS

Please replace all prior claims in the present application with the following claims, in which claims 26, 34, and 42 have been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer, and claims 25, 27, 29 through 33, 35, 41, 45 through 53, and 57 have been amended.

1-24. (Canceled)

25. (Currently Amended) A computer readable storage medium carrying one or more sequences of one or more instructions which, when executed by one or more processors, cause a first terminal to at least perform the following steps ~~encoded with a computer code for performing a method when run on a computer, the method comprising:~~

transmitting ~~from a first terminal~~ to a conference server a first message comprising a request for a resource capable of sustaining a conference call;

receiving ~~by the first terminal~~ from the server a second message comprising a network address identifying [[a]] the resource capable of sustaining the conference call which has been allocated by the server; [[and]]

after receiving the second message, transmitting a first request directly to the resource at the network address;

after receiving an acknowledgement of the first request directly from the resource, transmitting ~~from the first terminal~~ to at least one other terminal a third message comprising the network address; and

after the resource sending out directly to the at least one other terminal an acknowledgement of a second request directly sent from the at least one other terminal, causing at least in

part a connection from the first terminal to the at least one other terminal via the resource to establish a conference call between the first terminal and said at least other terminal,

wherein the third message comprising the network address is transmitted from the first terminal to the at least one other terminal by direct communication.

26. (Cancelled)

27. (Currently Amended) The computer readable storage medium according to claim [[26]] 25, wherein ~~the transmitting the third message further comprises transmitting from the~~ first terminal is caused to further perform: transmitting to at least two other terminals the third message comprising the network address, and ~~wherein the initiating further comprises initiating~~ causing at least in part a connection from the first terminal to the network address to establish the conference call between the first terminal and the said other terminals.

28. (Canceled)

29 (Currently Amended) The computer readable storage medium according to claim 25, wherein ~~in the transmitting from a first terminal to the server,~~ the first message is an INVITE message.

30. (Currently Amended) The computer readable storage medium according to claim 25, wherein ~~in the receiving from the server,~~ the second message is a redirection message.

31. (Currently Amended) The computer readable storage medium according to claim 25, wherein ~~in the transmitting from the first terminal to at least one other terminal~~, the third message is a REFER message.

32. (Currently Amended) The computer readable storage medium according to claim 25, wherein ~~in the receiving by the first terminal~~, the network address is a uniform resource identifier.

33. (Currently Amended) A method, comprising:
transmitting from a first terminal to a conference server a first message comprising a request
for a resource capable of sustaining a conference call;
receiving by the first terminal from the server a second message comprising a network
address identifying [[a]] the resource capable of sustaining the conference call which has
been allocated by the server; [[and]]
after receiving the second message, transmitting a first request from the first terminal directly
to the resource at the network address;
after receiving an acknowledgement of the first request directly from the resource,
transmitting from the first terminal to at least one other terminal a third message
comprising the network address; and
after the resource sending out directly to the at least one other terminal an acknowledgement
of a second request directly sent from the at least one other terminal, causing at least in
part by the first terminal a connection from the first terminal to the at least one other
terminal via the resource to establish a conference call between the first terminal and said
at least other terminal,

wherein the third message comprising the network address is transmitted from the first terminal to the at least one other terminal by direct communication.

34. (Cancelled)

35. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim ~~[[34]]~~ 33, wherein the transmitting the third message further comprises transmitting from the first terminal to at least two other terminals the third message comprising the network address, and wherein the initiating further comprises initiating a connection from the first terminal to the network address to establish the conference call between the first terminal and the said other terminals.

36. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 33 wherein the first, second and third messages are session initiation protocol messages.

37. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 33 wherein in the transmitting from a first terminal to the server, the first message is an INVITE message.

38. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 33 wherein in the receiving from the server, the second message is a redirection message.

39. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 33, wherein in the transmitting from the first terminal to at least one other terminal, the third message is a REFER message.

40. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 33 wherein in the receiving by the first terminal, the network address is a uniform resource identifier.

41. (Currently Amended) An apparatus, comprising:

at least one processor; and

at least one memory including computer program code,

the at least one memory and the computer program code configured to, with the at least one

processor, cause the apparatus which is a first terminal to perform at least the following,

transmit to a conference server a first message comprising a request for a resource capable of sustaining a conference call;

receive from the server a second message comprising a network address identifying the

resource capable of sustaining the conference call which has been allocated by the server;

after receiving the second message, transmit a first request directly to the resource at the network address;

after receiving an acknowledgement of the first request directly from the resource, transmit to

at least one other terminal a third message comprising the network address; and

after the resource sending out directly to the at least one other terminal an acknowledgement

of a second request directly sent from the at least one other terminal, cause at least in part

a connection from the first terminal to the at least one other terminal via the resource to

establish a conference call between the first terminal and said at least other terminal,

wherein the third message comprising the network address is transmitted from the first

terminal to the at least one other terminal by direct communication.

~~a transmitter configured to transmit to a conference server a first message comprising a request for a resource capable of sustaining a conference call; and~~

~~a receiver configured to receive from the conference server a second message comprising a network address identifying a resource capable of sustaining the conference call which has been allocated by the server, and wherein the transmitter is further configured to transmit to at least one terminal a third message comprising the network address, wherein the third message comprising the network address is transmitted from the first terminal to the at least one other terminal by direct communication.~~

42. (Cancelled)

43. (Currently Amended) The apparatus according to claim [[42]] 41, wherein the apparatus is further caused ~~transmitter is configured~~ to transmit the third message to at least two terminals, and ~~wherein the initiating unit is configured to initiate~~ cause at least in part a connection from the apparatus to the network address to establish the conference call between the apparatus and the terminals.

44. (Currently Amended) The apparatus according to claim 41 wherein the apparatus is further caused ~~transmitter is configured~~ to transmit the first and third messages as SIP messages.

45. (Currently Amended) The apparatus according to claim 41 wherein the apparatus is further caused ~~transmitter is configured~~ to transmit the first message as an INVITE message.

46. (Currently Amended) The apparatus according to claim 41 wherein in the apparatus is further caused ~~receiver is configured~~ to receive, from the server, the second message as a redirection message.

47. (Currently Amended) The apparatus according to claim 41, wherein ~~[[in]]~~ the apparatus is further caused ~~transmitter is configured~~ to transmit, to at least one terminal, the third message as a REFER message.

48. (Currently Amended) The apparatus according to claim 41 wherein in the apparatus is further caused ~~receiver is configured~~ to receive the network address as a uniform resource identifier.

49. (Currently Amended) A computer readable storage medium carrying one or more sequences of one or more instructions which, when executed by one or more processors, cause a server and a resource to at least perform the following steps ~~encoded with a computer code for performing a method when run on a computer, the method comprising:~~

receiving from a first terminal at the server a first message comprising a request for a

resource capable of sustaining a conference call;

allocating by the server a network address identifying a resource capable of sustaining the conference call; ~~[[and]]~~

transmitting from the server to the first terminal a second message comprising the network address that identifies the resource capable of sustaining the conference call,

receiving directly by the resource at the network address a first request from the first terminal that has transmitted the second message;

sending an acknowledgement of the first request directly from the resource to the first terminal;
receiving by the resource a second request directly from the at least one other terminal that has received from the first terminal a third message comprising the network address;
sending an acknowledgement of the second request directly from the resource to the at least one other terminal; and
causing at least in part by the resource a connection from the first terminal to the at least one other terminal therethrough to establish a conference call between the first terminal and said at least other terminal,
wherein the third message comprising the network address is transmitted from the first terminal to the at least one other terminal by direct communication, and
wherein the network address is a dynamically generated uniform resource identifier.

50. (Currently Amended) The computer readable storage medium according to claim 49, wherein the first and second messages are session initiation protocol messages.

51. (Currently Amended) The computer readable storage medium according to claim 49, wherein the first message is an INVITE message.

52. (Currently Amended) The computer readable storage medium according to claim 49, wherein the second message is a redirection message.

53. (Currently Amended) A method, comprising:

receiving from a first terminal at a server a first message comprising a request for a resource capable of sustaining a conference call;

allocating by the server a network address identifying a resource capable of sustaining the conference call; [[and]]

transmitting from the server to the first terminal a second message comprising the network address that identifies the resource capable of sustaining the conference call,

receiving directly by the resource at the network address a first request from the first terminal that has transmitted the second message;

sending an acknowledgement of the first request directly from the resource to the first terminal;

receiving by the resource a second request directly from the at least one other terminal that has received from the first terminal a third message comprising the network address;

sending an acknowledgement of the second request directly from the resource to the at least one other terminal; and

causing at least in part by the resource a connection from the first terminal to the at least one other terminal therethrough to establish a conference call between the first terminal and said at least other terminal,

wherein the third message comprising the network address is transmitted from the first terminal to the at least one other terminal by direct communication, and

wherein the network address is a dynamically generated uniform resource identifier.

54. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 53, wherein the first and second messages are session initiation protocol messages.

55. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 53, wherein the first message is an INVITE message.

56. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 53, wherein the second message is a redirection message.

57. (Currently Amended) ~~An apparatus~~ A system comprising:

a server and a resource,

the server comprising at least one processor; and

at least one memory including computer program code,

the at least one memory and the computer program code configured to, with the at least one

processor, cause the server to perform at least the following,

~~receiving~~ receive from a first terminal a first message comprising a request for a resource capable of sustaining a conference call;

~~allocating~~ allocate a network address identifying a resource capable of sustaining the conference call; and

~~transmitting~~ transmit to the first terminal a second message comprising the network address that identifies the resource capable of sustaining the conference call,

the resource comprising at least one processor; and

at least one memory including computer program code,

the at least one memory and the computer program code configured to, with the at least one

processor, cause the server to perform at least the following,

receive directly at the network address a first request from the first terminal that has transmitted the second message;

send an acknowledgement of the first request directly to the first terminal;
receive a second request directly from the at least one other terminal that has received
from the first terminal a third message comprising the network address;
send an acknowledgement of the second request directly to the at least one other terminal;
and
causing at least in part a connection from the first terminal to the at least one other
terminal therethrough to establish a conference call between the first terminal and said
at least other terminal,
wherein the third message comprising the network address is transmitted from the first
terminal to the at least one other terminal by direct communication, and
~~a receiver configured to receive from a first terminal a first message comprising a request for~~
~~a resource capable of sustaining a conference call;~~
~~an allocation unit configured to allocate a network address identifying a resource capable of~~
~~sustaining the conference call; and~~
~~a transmitter configured to transmit to the first terminal a second message comprising the~~
~~network address that identifies the resource capable of sustaining the conference call,~~
wherein the network address is a dynamically generated uniform resource identifier.

58. (Previously Presented) The apparatus according to claim 57, wherein the messages are session initiation protocol messages.

59. (Previously Presented) The apparatus according to claim 57, wherein the first message is an INVITE message.

60. (Previously Presented) The apparatus according to claim 57, wherein the second message is a redirection message.

61. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 33 wherein in the conference call is established in an ad hoc manner.